



RICHMOND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Newsletter late winter 2022



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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD REPORT

Firstly, in these challenging times for our police colleagues, some good news. Richmond's own PCSO Marek Regan (k/a Maz) won an Excellence award from the Commissioner for his work on a football project for

girls in Hampton. His determination and imagination is helping to transform the lives of his players.

The SNB is proud to have played a tiny part in funding the project, and we are here to help and support similar projects any way we can. Maz would like to be known that he is very grateful to the SNB for their support.



We had the pleasure of a visit to Twickenham from the new Commissioner, Sir Mark Rowley, in November. There has been much in the media about Baroness Casey's report into the MPS, and Sir Mark has promised to implement her recommendations, and reverse the low confidence and trust in which the MPS is held. Policing by consent is the cornerstone of the relationship between the UK's police and the people they serve and rebuild public trust by the ruthless rooting out of corrupt or inefficient officers, reducing crime and increasing standards, giving better support to victims, setting up the 99.99% of good officers to succeed, and using new technology and data to improve communications and knowledge.

One problem the report highlighted was the inordinate length of time it took to settle misconduct cases, 14 to 18 months sometimes, which meant that those officers involved were either on suspension or in non-public facing roles, so not back out on the streets or dismissed. New Scotland Yard has promised to speed this up. At this meeting, and others with the Safer Neighbourhood Board chairs across London, Sir Mark was questioned about the endless abstractions of Officers from community police teams, as this was one of biggest barriers in all London's boroughs to effective

policing and crime reduction. The Commissioner said he will try and bring this practice to an end and hoped to restore at least 2 Dedicated Ward officer and a PCSO to all the 600 plus wards.

As part of his first “Hundred Days”, Sir Mark has introduced Precise Community Policing to target and arrest those high harm/high impact offenders in the following areas:

1. Most wanted offenders in robbery, burglary, drug dealing, or wanted on warrants.
2. Serious and Organised criminals and Gangs.
3. Cybercrime and Fraud
4. Rapist and those who attack Women and Girls
5. Using Neighbourhood Police with innovation hubs to solve problems together with their communities and partners, with positive action initiatives, crime prevention, sustainable in the long term.

We look forward to hearing more about these innovation hubs and how we can strengthen the partnership between our communities and the police.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SPRING 2023 KNOWLEDGE NIGHT

Wednesday 15th February 2023 7pm till 9pm

Venue: Duke Street Church, Duke Street, Richmond

Please come along to see a presentation on the Police use of Tasers, find out about the new “Go Girl” initiative, and hear the Cybercrime unit of the Metropolitan Police update you on keeping safe from scams.

Learn about Police/community engagement, Neighbourhood Watch, Police Liaison Groups and what your Safer Neighbourhood Board are doing.

Knowledge Nights are aimed at raising awareness amongst our NHW members and the community about various aspects of local policing and crime that may affect or interest them.

Please email nhwatchrichmond@gmail.com if you wish to attend as the venue has a limited capacity.



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**



RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING WEEK 23RD - 29TH JANUARY

Monday

Teddington / Hampton Wick SNT- Traffic Operation - 1500 – 1700 Kingston Rd O/S Udney Gdns and 1900 – 2100 Sandy Lane junction Shaef Way (targeting speeding, mobile phones, enforcement and educating all road users including cyclists.

Tuesday

Teddington / Hampton Wick SNT – Bike Marking – 1730 – 2000 Teddington Railway Station by the Cycle hub

Twickenham Railway Station – Knife Arch with SNT, BTP, drugs dog 0800 - 1100

Wednesday

Hampton North – Burglary Advice Street Briefing - 1100 – 1200 Cheeseman Close, Hampton

Friday

Catalytic Converter and Cycle Marking Event – 1000 – 1300 Old Deer Car Park, Richmond SNT, Traffic, Council Safety Team – vehicles being marked only BMW 1 & 3 series, Honda, Lexus, Toyota

BTP bike marking 1200 – 1700 Richmond Train Station

Richmond Safer Space – SNT, Council, BTP, Street Pastors 2100 - 0100

Saturday

Teddington / Hampton Wick SNT – Bike Marking & Contact Point 1000 – 1300 Teddington Lock Bridge, Ferry Road

Richmond Safer Space – SNT, Council, BTP, Street Pastors 2100 - 0100

**Please contact your local neighbourhood
officer's for more events in your area**

SCAMS UPDATE

In Richmond Borough, in December 2022 the Number of reported offences were 56 with a total loss of over £300,000. The average per victim £5400. (The actual figure will be greater as a lot goes unreported)

I would like to highlight Push Payment fraud - 8 incidences with a total loss of £118,890.38.

Push Payment Fraud. Online banking makes managing money easier for the general public, however criminals are taking advantage of this ease of banking and using it to defraud the public. Criminals can pretend to be from somewhere official, for example, your bank, or the tax office. They contact you via email, phone or social media, and then warn you of fake suspicious or criminal activity on your bank account. They state that they've set up a safe account for you to transfer your funds into. However, this is actually their account.

How to protect yourself -

- Be suspicious of a call out of the blue from someone claiming to be from a position of authority.
- Take down the person's details (name, authority, department, branch etc.) and verify using independent source contact details.
- A genuine official from the Police, your bank, HMRC or any other trusted authority will NEVER call you to ask you to verify your personal banking details, PIN or password, or threaten you with arrest.
- Never transfer money into another account unless you are 100% certain of the owner of the account.
- Your bank will never set up a "safe" account for you. There is no such thing.

I would also like to highlight a few other scams – sadly they are getting more sophisticated and you must be really careful!

1. A request from a tradesman or solicitor where you have been asked to transfer money. You are advised that their bank account has changed. Quite likely to be a scam – phone up the organisation (ensuring it's the correct phone number) before you pay. These email requests look authentic but check that an extra digit (probably an "s") has not been added to the email so it looks genuine.
2. False QR codes – check these are authentic especially if it involves your inputting your bank details.
3. Fake TV Licence and DVLA emails - [Fake DVLA email \(engagingnetworks.app\)](#) See the excellent "Which" report and subscribe to their (free) notifications.
4. Talk to your phone provider about blocking scam calls – don't engage with these callers - they are crooks! Stop them working!

What are the SNB doing about all these? We work with Richmond trading standards to talk to small and large groups, I have manned three stalls with the Met this year – the "full of life" fair, the Met "day in the park" and with my ward officers I had a stall at the Hampton Christmas Fair on the Green on 4th December. Ask us or your ward team if there are others! And we are running another Knowledge night, on 15th February 2023. See the flyer in this bulletin.

John Murray

SNB Member, PLG chair & Met Police Volunteer.



LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES



The Richmond Safer Neighbourhood Board is funding a free home security check - just for Richmond residents.

We have a retired Met Police Crime Prevention officer who will complete a home security survey for you and recommend ways to protect you and your home going forward. This is for residential property only.

This service is purely advisory.
We cannot carry out any of the improvements recommended – this is up to you.

To book a suitable appointment – see below.
This service is completely free to you and there are no hidden costs.

email: crimepreventionadvice@yahoo.com

Tel: 07951 038099

This is part of Richmond Borough Safer Neighbourhood Board's
Crime Prevention initiative

Editorial Comment.

On 15th February at 7pm in Duke Street Church Richmond we have a presentation sponsored by the Safer Neighbourhood Board in liaison with the Police and their cybercrime unit to update you on scams and safety and answer your questions. And an update on “Go Girl”.

So please register and come along – you can be assured of an interesting evening! And your knowledge will help others. Details are in this bulletin.

Do please let us have your views and requirements for articles. We are also very keen on recruiting SNB members and PLG chairs. At the very least come to the PLG meetings to find out more!

The next SNB meeting is on 31st January 7pm at York House, Twickenham.

Richmond borough is highly active in its liaison work and do please find out if you can help – it’s not a vast time commitment and it’s interesting and worthwhile.

Contact us via nhwatchrichmond@gmail.com